

son.’ ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

Luke 10: 38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship *(responsive)* *(Inspired by Psalm 52)*
One: In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the name of God, for it is good.
All: We thank you forever because of what you have done.
One: Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety. We call your presence our home.
All: We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.
One: Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion, community and care.
All: We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever.

Hymn “O Worship the King” #17

Prayer for Transformation and New Life
Creator, we seek the transformative power of your grace that chastens, convicts, and challenges us to change. Make us new in the pruning of bitterness

and resentment, jealousy and comparison, apathy and indifference. Liberally
water us in grace that we would bear fruit. Amen
Time of Silent Prayer

Words of Grace

One: Pruning makes way for flourishing. Transformation and new life wait for us
on the other side of the process of growth. Through it all, God is with us.
All: Amen

Act of Praise *“Doxology”* **#46**

Scripture *Genesis 18: 9-15 & Luke 10: 38-42*

Sermon *Rev. Wendy Schindler-Chasney*

Hymn *“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”* **#102**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

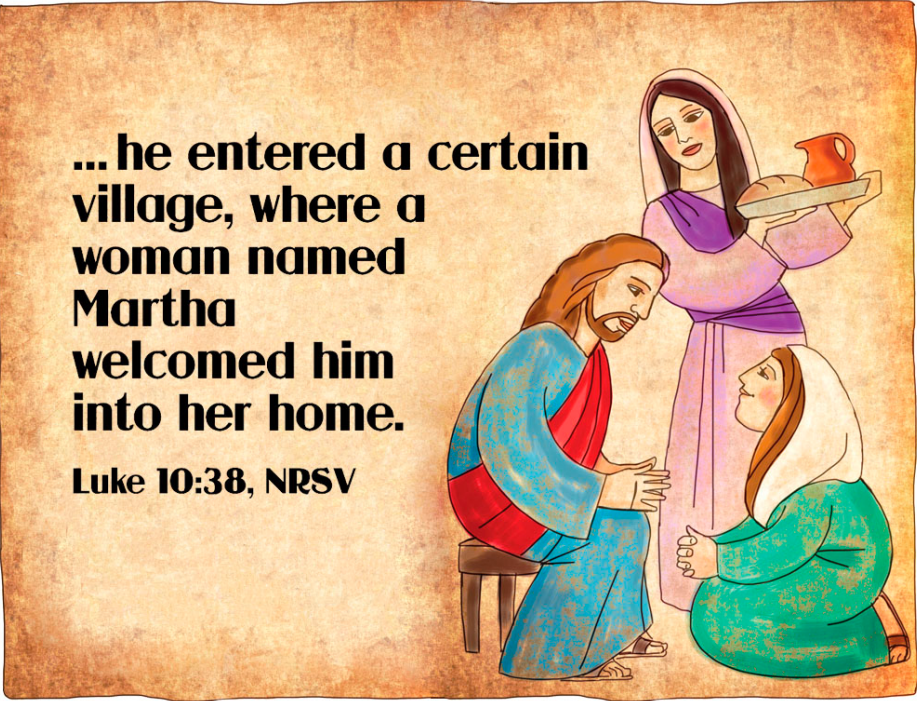
Hymn *“You Servants of God”* **#110**

Benediction

Closing Song *“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*
 Blest be the tie that binds
 Our Hearts in Christian Love
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above. Amen

Postlude

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Morning Scriptures

Scriptures

Genesis 18: 9-15

9 They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ ¹⁰Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?”’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a